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Country: USSR/Azerbaijan/Armenia

Subject: Military Activities

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1. There were no Soviet concentrations in the area adjoining the Turkish border during April.
2. The Soviets are evacuating war material, as well as some of their troops, from Azerbaijan. Thus, the 188th Soviet Air Brigade has been withdrawn and moved to Novocherkassk.
3. At the same time, however, the Soviet Army is sending war material - such as several trainloads of second-hand trucks and A/A guns (with Soviet specialists) - to the Azerbaijan Army.
4. In the beginning of April a number of trains, consisting of platform-cars, on each of which were mounted two big or three smaller guns, passed through Leninakan towards Julia. These guns were said to be for the defense of airfields and railways.
5. The airfields in Northern Iran are to remain in Soviet hands. Mixed Soviet-Iranian companies will run them as civilian airfields.
6. Armenian infantry and cavalry units are being formed and a separate Armenian National Army is under consideration. Three infantry, and possibly one cavalry divisions are already in existence. These infantry divisions are being motorized. The motorization of the 88th and 188th Infantry Regiments, stationed in the frontier region of Leninakan, has already been completed. It is believed that these two regiments belong to the 11th Division. The soldiers are arrogant in their bearing.
7. Anti-Turkish propaganda in Soviet Armenia is still being disseminated.

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